

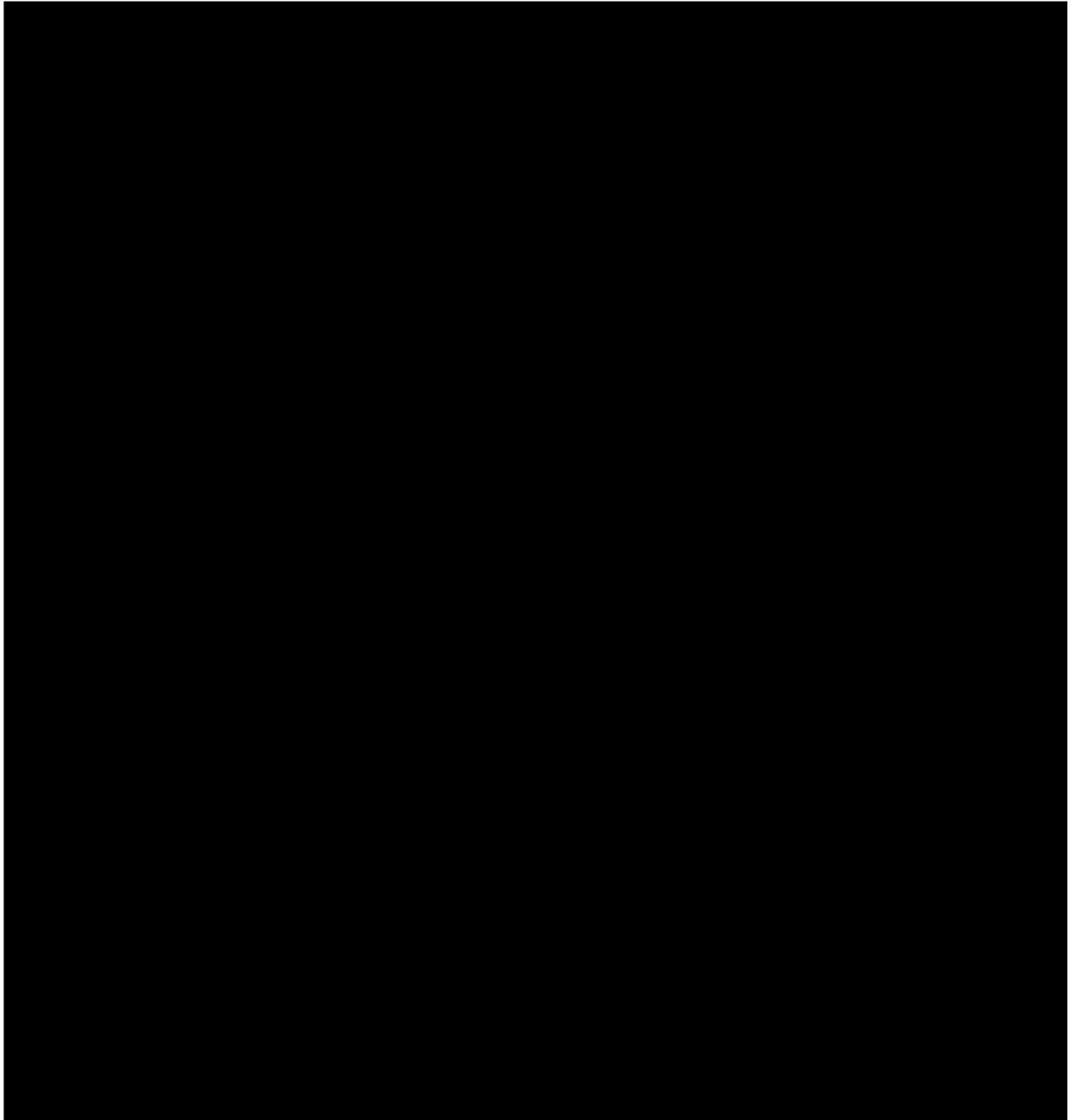
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Considerations in the Selection of UW Areas and
for the Intelligence Support of UW Operations

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1. The general considerations in the selection of the recommended areas:

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2. It should be clearly understood that many variables must be considered and that all factors are relative, especially in UW operations. No attempt has been made to delineate rigidly the type of UW operation that should be conducted within or from the recommended areas. The fact that some areas are described as primarily for E and E does not preclude their use for small-scale guerrilla warfare or as bases for saboteurs. Conversely, some of the multipurpose areas recommended are also the areas most suitable for E and E activities. Furthermore, the selection does not presume to include all possible UW areas, since the number was limited to a maximum set forth in the basic requirement.

3. It should be understood that these reports were not influenced by the previous selection of UW or E and E areas by Joint or Service Headquarters and that the recommended areas were selected without reference to any current war plans or programs and capabilities of specific operational missions. Finally, and most important, the effects of possible nuclear fallout on the recommended areas were not examined in making the selections.

4. In summation, it should be emphasized that these reports are basic intelligence studies designed to assist in determining the most suitable areas for UW operations in each country or region within each Theater. They do not purport to provide the detailed current intelligence essential to successful UW operations. These reports represent only a first step. After their coordination with and dissemination to the Unified and several operational Commands concerned, it is anticipated that subsequent action may include the following:

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a. The alignment of Theater plans and Service requirements to permit a maximum utilization of the most suitable areas.


b. A statement of the expected priority for the several types of UW activities, particularly as applied to multipurpose areas.

c. The selection and analysis of additional UW areas that may be necessary to support Theater plans, or further analysis of the initially recommended areas as required for their expansion and full utilization.

d. A review of the requirements placed on CIA, and a reappraisal of CIA capabilities, especially after the completion of the steps indicated in paragraphs a, b, and c above.

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e. Service action to obtain and disseminate detailed information on the UW areas in relation to approved war plans, which will



f. Finally, the collation and production of operational intelligence in support of the UW areas and of other current requirements of Theater war plans. This last step could be most effectively accomplished by a coordinated CIA/Services joint effort.

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